

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the issues raised in the above referenced Office Action are respectfully solicited.

Applicant notes that Claims 3, 4 and 11-15 were withdrawn from further consideration in the previous Office Action. Claims 3, 4 and 11-15 remain pending in this application and depend from Claim 1. If Claim 1 is allowed, Applicant respectfully requests rejoinder and allowance of Claims 3, 4 and 11-15.

Applicant notes that the certified copy of the foreign priority application has not been submitted. The certified copy is being submitted concurrently herewith.

The objections to the drawings have been considered. In paragraph [0025] of the specification "29" has been changed to ---39--- to correspond to Figure 1. Paragraph [0032] also has been amended to change reference character "24" to ---25--- so that the specification corresponds with Figure 4. Therefore, approval of the formal drawings filed June 23, 2005 is respectfully requested.

The objections to the specification have been considered. Paragraphs [0006], [0015] and [0035] have been amended as suggested. Further, paragraph [0032] has been amended as discussed above to present a proper reference numeral. Approval of the amendments to the specification is respectfully requested.

The objections to Claims 1, 2 and 5-10 have been considered. The claims have been amended as suggested to remove the phrase "can be" and to provide proper antecedent basis therein. Further, Claims 3, 5 and 10 are amended to remain dependent from a pending claim.

Applicant appreciates the indication of allowable subject matter in Claim 9. Claim 1 has been rewritten in independent form to include the features of Claims 1, 2, 8 and 9. Therefore, Claim 1 is now allowable.

In view of the Claim 1 amendments, the rejection of Claim 1 based on Kirchhuebel, U.S. Patent Pub. 2002/0044256, in view

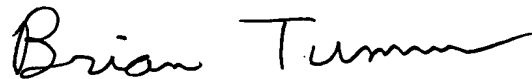
of Spitznas, U.S. Patent No. 4 856 872 and further in view of Hsia, U.S. Patent No. 5 394 043 as applied to Claim 1 is overcome. Further, the rejection of dependent Claims 2, 5-8 and 10 based additionally on Hogan, U.S. Patent No. 5 554 896 is also overcome by the incorporation of the subject matter of Claim 9 into Claim 1.

Reconsideration and allowance of independent Claim 1, and Claims 5-7 and 10 dependent therefrom is respectfully requested. Rejoinder and allowance of Claims 3, 4 and 11-15 is also requested.

The Information Disclosure Statement submitted concurrently herewith lists commonly owned U.S. patents and references cited therein. Consideration thereof is respectfully requested.

Further and favorable reconsideration is respectfully solicited.

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